Controversy in New Seed Policy

447. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any controversy has arisen in the new seed policy particularly provisions relating to import of seed under OGL; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of soft drink concentrate plant

448. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted some units for setting up soft drink concentrate plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) In the recent past Government has issued a Letter of Intent to M/s Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Chandigarh, for the Manufacture *inter alia* of soft drink concentrates for an annual capacity of 20,000 units (One unit produces 1800 cases, each case of 24 services of 225 milli-litres each).

Election of Panchayats

449. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister, while inaugurating the Panchayati Raj Sammelan in Delhi on the 27th January, 1989, has said that he wanted election to Panchayats be assured and supersession be avoided and also that it would also be decided as to which institutions should come under which authority at the local level;

(b) whether the concerned institutions have been identified for being taken into consideration; if so, the names thereof;

(c) the steps being taken in this regard and their outline; and

(d) by when they are envisaged to come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Prime Minister while participating in the Sammelan referred to a number of issues relevant to the subject of strengthening the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

(b) to (d) The entire question of revitalising the Panchayati Raj Institute is under active consideration of the Government.

Demand and supply position of steel in the country

450. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand and supply position of steel in the country, category-wise details; and

(b) how the gap between demand and supply is going to be filled-up?